



USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News Weekly Egg Products Report March 5, 2004

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

COMBINED REGIONAL REPORT - Combined regional for week ending 05-Mar-04 average prices on Sales to volume buyers, Grade A large, white eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

402CII.	Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Combined Regional
This week	101.00	100.50	94.50	100.50	99.17
Last week	98.00	96.50	90.50	96.50	95.40

SELECTED CITIES DELIVERED STORE DOOR LARGE - 05-Mar-04:

New York 120-124 Chicago & Midwest 96-104 California 131

WEEKLY SHELL EGG AND BREAKING STOCK INVENTORY - 01-Mar-04 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

		North	South	South South		Breaking			
	Northeast	Central	Central	Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Stock	Total	
Current week	113.6	263.0	142.7	200.1	232.7	952.1	224.3	1176.4	
% change PW	-2	-8	14	-1	-2	-1	-10	-3	

	Central States	Eastern Region		
Nest Run	91-94	86-90 M 87-89		
Checks & Undergrades	76-82 M 76-78	72-80 M 74-78		

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending 28-Feb-04.

Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid	l	
	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CURRENT WEEK	1,203,647	28,684	11,451	6,371	2,852	4,063
PREVIOUS WEEK	1,165,061	27,022	11,468	6,415	2,667	3,977
LAST YEAR	1,081,456	27,512	9,277	4,894	1,926	4,093
% CHANGE PW	3	6	0	-1	7	2
% CHANGE LY	11	4	23	30	48	-1
TO-DATE 2004	9,244,644	215,795	90,492	50,404	21,869	32,588
TO-DATE 2003	8,971,440	213,864	83,496	46,147	21,061	33,352
% CHANGE YTD	3	1	8	9	4	-2

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)

Current Week: 42.01 Previous Week: 41.96 Last Year: 42.33

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)

Current Week: 38.64 Previous Week: 38.54 Last Year: 38.54

National Liquid Eggs - 05-Mar-04 - prices paid cents/lb, f.o.b. plant, non-pasteurized trucklots, for delivery within 14 days.

			Change Fr			
Class	Loads	Range	Wtd. Avg.	Last Week		
WHOLE	28	70.5-80	76.75	5.68		
WHITES	18	72.5-78	74.36	2.05		
YOLKS	11	58-61	59.18	.80		

Pasteurized whites reported at 82.5 cents fob with pasteurized salt yolk reported from 55 to 65 cents fob.

Frozen Egg Prices - 05-Mar-04 wholesale selling price cents/lb, 30-lb containers.

Trucklot							Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont			
Class	Easte	rn		Central			Eastern	South California ²		
Whole	75-86	M	79-83	80-83	M	83	90-94	89-92		
$Blends^3$	TOO FEW	TO	REPORT				90-105	_		
Whites	81-90	M	86-89	86-90	M	86-88	93-98	93-96		
$Yolks^4$										
Sugared	74-79	M	74-78	74-78	M	77-78	81-92	81-84		
Salted	71-76	M	72-75	72-74			77-87	78-81		

² f.o.b. shipping point

National Dried Egg Prices - 05-Mar-04 - wholesale selling prices \$/lb, in containers, trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Range	Mostly
WHOLE	3.03-3.50	3.21-3.35
YOLKS	1.55-2.10	1.61-1.75
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	6.35-6.90	6.55-6.75
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.95-2.45	2.00-2.10

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 28-Feb-2004

Fowl Slaughtered	in U.S.	U.S. Fowl Slaughtered	in Canada	Total U.S. Fowl	Slaughtered
This week	1,139	This week	95	This week	1,234
Last week	1,291	Last week	229	Last week	1,520
Last year	1,686	Last year	240	Last year	1,926
To Date 2004	10,264	To Date 2004	1,916	To Date 2004	12,180
To Date 2003	13,604	To Date 2003	2,933	To Date 2003	16,537

Inspected Egg Products

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 21-Feb-04

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	98	0	0	98
Last year /1	102	0	0	102
To date 2004	830	0	49	879
To date 2003	1,566	0	84	1,650

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 21-Feb-04

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	49	45	40	134
Last year /1	72	47	120	239
To date 2004	733	150	515	1,398
To date 2003	1,109	416	160	1,685

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 21-Feb-04

	Jumbo	EX-Lg	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	0	0	2,350	750	1,698	0	4,798
Last year /1	0	0	1,188	1,495	0	12	2,695
To date 2004	50	780	6,793	3,030	9,648	0	20,301
To date 2003	0	150	3,973	4,174	1,470	12	9,779

^{/1} Comparable week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

³ whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids

⁴ minimum 43% solids